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SUBJECT:PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD
TO PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL:

2. BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: ON BEHALF OF THE
PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND MYSELF, I OFFER WARM CON-
GRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES AS YOU AGAIN TAKE UP THE DUTIES
OF THE HIGH OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER OF TURKEY.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TO FURTHER THE COOPERA-
TION WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED US-TURKISH RELATIONS FOR NEARLY
THREE DECADES. OUR GOVERNMENTS SHARE A BASIC MUTUAL TRUST
AND UNDERSTANDING WHICH WILL ENABLE US TO SURMOUNT PROBLEMS
CURRENTLY AFFECTING US-TURKISH RELATIONS AND TO WORK TOWARD
CONSTRUCTIVE LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO THE BROADER ISSUES WHICH
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AFFECT THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN
AND OF THE WORLD.

REGARDING OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, THIS ADMINISTRATION WILL

CONTINUE ITS INTENSIVE EFFORTS WITH CONGRESS TO RESUME

MILITARY SALES AND ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY, AN ALLY WHICH,
BECAUSE OF ITS CONTRIBUTION TO OUR COMMON DEFENSE OVER THE
YEARS, IS WIDELY RESPECTED AND ADMIRERD IN THE UNITED STATES.
I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THESE EFFORTS WILL ACHIEVE
POSITIVE RESULTS. WITH WARM REGARDS, SINCERELY, GERALD R.
FORD. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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